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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ty Whitaker, et. al.

Application No.: 10/619,380

Filed: July 14, 2003

For: Motion Management in a Fast Blood

Pressure Measurement Device

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PETITION AND FEE

UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.53(e) 2 & 1.17(h)

Sir:

Responsive to a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit herewith the following:

a copy of the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, which indicates that:

- 1. a filing date was not accorded the application because it is purported that the application was deposited without Drawings;
- 2. the filing fee is missing;
- 3. the oath or declaration is missing;

an original copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the various inventors during the period of September 4, 2003 through September 11, 2003;

- a check in the amount of \$1638, including \$770 basic filing fee, \$608 excess claims fee, \$130 surcharge late filing fee or oath, and \$130 Petition fee;
- a copy of Express Mailing Label No. EV303718774US, indicating a mailing date of July 14, 2003;
- a copy of the Return Mailroom Postcard originally submitted with the application, indicating the submission of three (3) sheets of Drawings, which postcard bears the stamp of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, including the notations "10/619380" and "7/14/03;"
- three (3) sheets of Drawing marked "COPY," including Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B and Fig. 2, each of which was originally submitted as part of the application in question;
- a copy of the Utility Patent Application Transmittal, signed by the undersigned, and indicating the presence of three (3) sheets of Drawings (and the absence of the fee and the oath or declaration); and
- a petition and fee under 37 CFR §§ 1.53(e) 2 & 1.17(h) for the above-identified patent application.

As evidenced by the enclosed copy of Applicants' new patent application postcard receipt, there is no indication that the Drawings were not found among the documents mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Had the Drawings been missing, a notation should have been made on the postcard to that effect, such as a line through the recitation "Drawings (3 sheets)." "A postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the items which are being filed serves as prima facie evidence of receipt in the USPTO of all the items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the USPTO. The identifying data on the postcard should be so complete as to clearly identify the item for which receipt is requested. ... If any of the items listed on the postcard are not being submitted to the USPTO, those items will be crossed off and the postcard initialed by the

person receiving the items." MPEP §503 (emphasis added). Clearly, no notation was entered upon the Return Mailroom Postcard to indicate that the Drawings were missing at the time of receipt.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the three (3) sheets of Drawing

including Fig. 1A, Fig. 1B and Fig. 2, which are called out within the Specification, were present as

part of the application as filed. If the Drawings are presently missing, Applicants respectfully submit

that they were lost or misplaced after arrival at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mailroom,

which is a situation beyond the control of Applicants, and one for which Applicants should not be

penalized.

Applicants hereby respectfully petition the Commissioner, requesting the

determination that a filing date of July 14, 2003 be accorded the above-identified patent

application in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and that the three (3) sheets of Drawing

submitted herewith be accepted and inserted in the file as replacements for the recited

"Drawings (3 sheets)" originally submitted by Express Mail on July 14, 2003, and received at

the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Since it is believed that the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application was

issued in error, Applicants request a refund of the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) in the amount of

\$130. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees from, or credit any

overpayment to, the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Råspectfully submitted,

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